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James B. Milliken, new UC President



James B. Milliken, currently chancellor of the U of Texas system, has been selected as the new UC president. He was formerly chancellor of CUNY and president of the U of Nebraska and has legal background. See: <https://www.utsystem.edu/chancellor/biography>.

The open meeting started with public comments, mainly focused on UPTE labor relations issues such as short staffing and pay. Also mentioned were mental health services for students and innovation and tech transfer. Then Regents Chair Reilly thanked the search committee and President Drake. Milliken attended and made remarks as did President Drake and some Regents.

Milliken takes office on August 1.

The meeting can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPNyejv26Cc>. We will later - as we do with all Regents meeting - preserve the recording since the Regents have no fixed policy regarding retention.

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President Donald Trump followed through on his campaign trail rhetoric...., taking aim at accreditors in an executive order that targets diversity, equity and inclusion standards; makes it easier for institutions to switch accrediting agencies; and opens the door for new entrants... The directive accused accreditors of failing to hold institutions accountable for mediocre graduation rates and for leaving students with "enormous debt."

Trump also charged accreditors with having "unlawfully discriminatory practices" related to DEI standards... In response, accrediting bodies have suggested that the executive order's conclusions about their approach to DEI are sweeping and untrue, and argue that new accreditors should be held to the same standards as existing bodies. They also noted their willingness to work with the Trump administration...

The Trump administration specifically took aim at the American Bar Association's Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, over DEI standards. Trump accused the ABA accreditor of violating federal law by asking its members to demonstrate a commitment to diversity and inclusion, which includes efforts to recruit a diverse student body in terms of race, gender and ethnicity. (ABA, as noted in the executive order, suspended enforcement of its DEI standards in February.)...

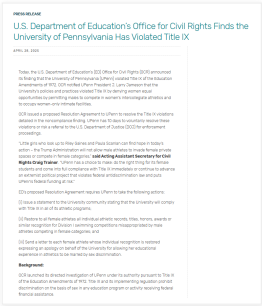
Full story at <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/government/politics-elections/2025/04/25/accreditors-sound-executive-order>.



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Press Release



The University of Pennsylvania has received at least a press release, if not a letter, from the US Dept. of Education on the issue of trans athletes in women's sports. Unlike the Harvard situation - in which Harvard is likely to prevail in court, this one is iffy for U-Penn, both in judicial court (Would 5 members of the US Supreme Court ultimately go along with Penn's position?) or the court of public opinion (Recall the Trump campaign's they/them/you ad?).

It's not clear that other universities that were willing to join with Harvard on a different issue would be as willing to join with U-Penn, particularly because the eventual legal outlook is murky.

The Dept. of Education is demanding U-Penn do the

following:

- (i) Issue a statement to the University community stating that the University will comply with Title IX in all of its athletic programs;
- (ii) Restore to all female athletes all individual athletic records, titles, honors, awards or similar recognition for Division I swimming competitions misappropriated by male athletes competing in female categories; and
- (iii) Send a letter to each female athlete whose individual recognition is restored expressing an apology on behalf of the University for allowing her educational experience in athletics to be marred by sex discrimination.

Full release at <https://www.ed.gov/about/news/press-release/us-department-of-education-office-civil-rights-finds-university-of-pennsylvania-has-violated-title-ix>.

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It appears that the new UC President, replacing President Drake, will be unveiled tomorrow afternoon, May 2, 2 pm Pacific Time. See the announcement at:

<https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/meetings/agendas/may2025.html>.

There have been earlier meetings of the search committee. But this one includes a live-stream and a meeting of the whole board after the search committee which suggests a candidate has been named.

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AI Overselling: What could possibly go wrong?

From [Inside Higher Ed](#):

AI tools overhype research findings far more often than humans, with a study suggesting the newest bots are the worst offenders—particularly when they are specifically instructed not to exaggerate. Dutch and British researchers have found that AI summaries of scientific papers are much more likely than the original authors or expert reviewers to “overgeneralize” the results.

The analysis, reported in the journal Royal Society Open Science, suggests that AI summaries—purportedly designed to help spread scientific knowledge by rephrasing it in “easily understandable language”—tend to ignore “uncertainties, limitations and nuances” in the research by “omitting qualifiers” and “oversimplifying” the text. This is particularly “risky” when applied to medical research, the report warns. “If chatbots produce summaries that overlook qualifiers [about] the generalizability of clinical trial results, practitioners who rely on these chatbots may prescribe unsafe or inappropriate treatments.” ...

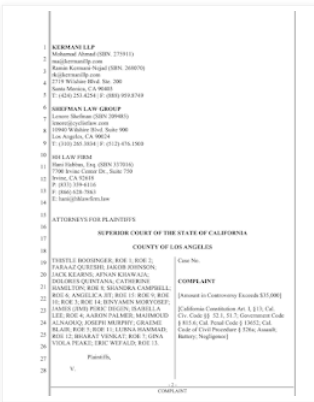
Full story at <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/tech-innovation/artificial-intelligence/2025/04/24/ai-research-summaries-exaggerate-findings>.



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Missed this one



As noted in a prior post, yours truly has been collecting litigation related to last spring's events at UCLA and other universities. But he somehow missed this one filed several weeks ago against those who attacked the encampment and against various UC and UCLA officials including the Regents.

Undoubtedly, it will be discussed at the upcoming May Regents meeting (behind closed doors). Note that when you file a lawsuit, you also open yourself to discovery by those you are suing. It can be a double-edged sword.

The lawsuit can be seen at:

<https://ia600402.us.archive.org/9/items/2-final-hjaa-report.-the-soil-beneath-the-encampments/Lawsuit%20Against%20Counterprotesters%20%26%20UC->

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Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Foreign Gift Investigation of Berkeley

From [Inside Higher Ed](#):

The Education Department is investigating the University of California, Berkeley, regarding compliance with a federal law that requires colleges to disclose certain foreign gifts and contracts. It's the first such review launched since President Trump signed an executive order Wednesday aimed at increasing transparency over the "foreign influence at American universities." ...



"There have been widespread media reports over the last several years of Berkeley's very substantial—in the hundreds of millions of dollars—receipt of money from foreign governments, in this case, particularly China," a senior Education Department official said on a press call Friday. But while the development of "important technologies" has been shared with foreign nations, the funding that made it possible "has not been reported to the department, as it's required by law," in Section 117 of the Higher Education Act, the official added.

Under Section 117, colleges and universities must report twice a year all grants and contracts with foreign entities that are worth more than \$250,000. The department opened a similar review into Harvard last week...

Full story at <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/quick-takes/2025/04/25/uc-berkeley-faces-foreign-gifts-investigation>.

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